



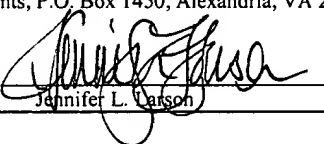
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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 24, 2003, please consider the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 and the Remarks begin on page 9.

Enclosed please find a Petition for Extension of Time attached to this Response.